

REMARKS

Claims 1-44 are pending in the application. All claims stand finally rejected. Claims 1-44 stand provisionally rejected under the judicial-doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting based on co-pending Application No. 08/766,607. Claims 1-44 also stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) based on Wilska in view of Takahara.

Regarding Double Patenting Rejection

The Applicants had previously requested that the double patenting rejection be placed in abeyance until the claims are otherwise allowed. That request is repeated.

Regarding Section 103 Rejection

At issue are the teachings of Takahara. Although the Examiner's representation is contrary to the express teachings of Takahara, the Applicants have amended the claims to advance the application to issue. The amendment is not an acquiescence to the rejections.

As now claimed, the Applicants employ a power management circuit to lower the power consumption of a control circuit. The control circuit receives image data and generates display data based on the image data. The display data is provided to an matrix LCD by the control circuit for presenting an image. The image is illuminated by a light source after which the power management circuit lowers the power consumption of the control circuit until the next image from the control circuit is ready to be presented to the matrix display. The light source is separate from the recited control circuit.

As expressly recited, the Applicants' claimed power management circuit affects the control circuit, which is separate from the light source. That limitation is recited in all claims.

Takahara, in contrast, does nothing to affect such a control circuit. Instead Takahara reduces the power consumption of its light source. The light source is different from the control circuit, both in the Applicants' claims and in Takahara.

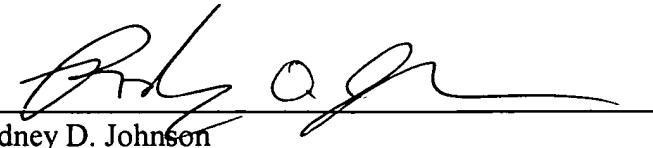
Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S. C. § 103 are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If a telephone conference could expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

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